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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person 2. Date of Event 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Requiring Statement NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG] Carlotti Carl M (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **6363 MAIN ST** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) WILLIAMSVILLE, ÂNYÂ 14221 Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 14,572 Common Stock 7.807 I 401(k) Plan Trust Common Stock 100 Ι **ESOP Trust** Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership	

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option (right to buy)	02/17/2001	02/17/2010	Common stock	4,688	\$ 21.3281	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	02/17/2001	02/18/2010	Common stock	20,312	\$ 21.3281	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	12/07/2001	12/08/2010	Common stock	25,000	\$ 27.7975	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	03/14/2003	03/15/2012	Common stock	10,918	\$ 24.495	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	03/14/2003	03/14/2012	Common stock	4,082	\$ 24.495	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	03/14/2004	03/15/2012	Common stock	15,000	\$ 24.495	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	03/14/2005	03/15/2012	Common stock	15,000	\$ 24.495	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	06/29/2005	03/30/2015	Common stock	25,000	\$ 28.155	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	05/10/2007	05/10/2016	Common stock	5,000	\$ 35.105	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	12/06/2007	12/06/2016	Common stock	7,000	\$ 39.475	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	(1)	02/20/2018	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 47.37	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Carlotti Carl M 6363 MAIN ST WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â		

Signatures

James R. Peterson, Attorney in Fact	02/27/2008	
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date	

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Represents the award of 12,500 SAR's which become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning February 20, 2009 based on National Fuel Gas Company's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each fiscal year end 2008, 2009 and 2010. In the event **(1)**

the performance condition for a given fiscal year is not met, the incremental percentage of shares for that fiscal year shall be automatically forfeited.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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